

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

STATE OF TEXAS,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

Civil Action No. 5:24-cv-00204-H

United States Department of Health and Human Services; Xavier Becerra, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and Melanie Fontes Rainer, in her official capacity as Director of the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services,

*Defendants.*

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

(Complete all questions; indicate "N/A" if necessary.)

- I. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices under the name of)

Public Rights Project, with offices at

490 43rd Street, Unit 115

(Street Address)

Oakland  
(City)

California  
(State)

94609  
(Zip Code)

(510) 214-6960

(Telephone No.)

(Fax No.)

- II. Applicant will sign all filings with the name Aisha Rich.

III. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named firm by:

(List All Parties Represented)

Intervenor-Defendants: City of Columbus, Ohio; City of Madison, Wisconsin.

to provide legal representation in connection with the above-styled matter now pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

IV. Applicant is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the state of  
District of Columbia, where Applicant regularly practices law.

Bar license number: 1720312 Admission date: 11/27/2020

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**Attach to this application an original certificate of good standing issued within the past 90 days from the attorney licensing authority in a state in which you are admitted to practice (e.g., State Bar of Texas).**

V. Applicant has also been admitted to practice before the following courts:

Court:	Admission Date:	Active or Inactive:
<u>New York State Bar</u>	<u>5/9/2016</u>	<u>Active</u>
<u>Pennsylvania State Bar</u>	<u>10/23/2018</u>	<u>Inactive</u>
<u>Washington State Bar</u>	<u>5/14/2024</u>	<u>Active</u>
_____	_____	_____

VI. Applicant has never involuntarily lost, temporarily or permanently, the right to practice before any court or tribunal, or resigned in lieu of discipline, except as provided below:

N/A

VII. Applicant has never been subject to grievance proceedings or involuntary removal proceedings—regardless of outcome—while a member of the bar of any state or federal court or tribunal that requires admission to practice, except as provided below:

N/A

VIII. Applicant has not been charged, arrested, or convicted of a criminal offense or offenses, except as provided below (omit minor traffic offenses):

N/A

IX. Applicant has filed for *pro hac vice* admission in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas during the past three (3) years in the following matters:

Date of Application: Case No. And Style:

N/A

N/A

(If necessary, attach statement of additional applications.)

X. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this matter is

Jennifer Ecklund (Tex Bar No. 24045626), who has offices at  
2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200

(Street Address)

Dallas

Texas

75201

(City)

972-629-7100

(State)

972-629-7171

(Zip Code)

(Telephone No.)

(Facsimile No.)

XI. Check the appropriate box below.

For Application in a **Civil Case**



Applicant has read *Dondi Properties Corp. v. Commerce Savs. & Loan Ass'n*, 121 F.R.D.284 (N.D. Tex. 1988) (en banc), and the local civil rules of this court and will comply with the standards of practice adopted in *Dondi* and with the local civil rules.

For Application in a **Criminal Case**



Applicant has read and will comply with the local criminal rules of this court.

XII. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas for this cause only. Applicant certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon each attorney of record and the original upon the clerk of court, accompanied by a \$100 filing fee, on this the 17th day of January, 2025.

Aisha Rich

Printed Name of Applicant

/s/ Aisha Rich

Signature



*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,  
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

***Aisha Rich***

*was duly qualified and admitted on November 27, 2020 as an attorney and counselor entitled to  
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good  
standing of this Bar.*

*In Testimony Whereof,  
I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal of this  
Court at the City of  
Washington, D.C., on January 16, 2025.*

*Julio A. Castillo*  
**JULIO A. CASTILLO**  
Clerk of the Court

Issued By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Chu".

*David Chu - Director, Membership  
District of Columbia Bar Membership*

***For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email  
memberservices@dcbar.org.***